Setting up of Food Processing Training Centres in the Rural Areas

*65. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up food processing training centres in the rural areas in the country during the Eight Plan period ;

(b) if so, the details of the locations where these would be set up ; and

(c) the purpose of setting up such centres and to what extent these would extend facilities to food processing industries in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) Government has formulated a scheme for assisting setting up of food processing training centres during the 8th Plan under which about 250 food processing training centres are proposed to be assisted during the 8th Plan period. Since individual proposals are to be sponsored through the State Governments, no location-wise targets have been laid down. These training centres have been proposed with an objective of training the rural people with "Hands On" experience in operating and managing small food processing units with appropriate technology.

Extent of Progress achieved in the LCA Project

*66. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the progress of the Light Combat Aircraft project has so far been according to schedule ;

(b) if not, what steps Government propose to take to ensure the completion of the project within the time schedule ; and

(c) what have been the import contents so far and what are the details of such contents envisaged for the future ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) The first flight of the first Technology demonstrator Light Combat Aircraft is scheduled to take place in December, 1996, subject to availability of adequate funds. The present progress is according to schedule.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The import content has been about 36% of the expenditure incurred up to 31st March, 1992. The items envisaged to have import content in the short term are generally in areas like flight control, consultancy in control law and Flight Control System integration, design audit of carbon fibre composite wing, and procurement of wing skins, electronic components and some air-borne equipment.

Functioning of Armed Forces Medical College, Pune

*67. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune went on strike from June 12, 1992 for an indefinite period following the death of a final year cadet ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and what are the causes of the death of the cadet ;

(c) the number of boy and girl cadets in the Institute ;

(d) whether the authorities of Armed Forces Medical College have ordered the closure of the Institute for an indefinite period ;

(e) if so, what are the reasons for the closure of the Institute ; and

(f) what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take to remove dissatisfaction among the cadets and to re-open the Institute ?